

## **Greetings to the friends of Family Promise of Linn County!**

I want to take a moment to express my thanks for the many ways that Family Promise parents and children have been supported and blessed. Many people and congregations across Linn County have been generous with contributions of time, energy, and love for our families, as well as the always-needed financial gifts. We are pleased to report a successful Golf Outing. Forty golfers turned out on a beautiful June day, had a lot of fun, and raised nearly \$3,000 for Family Promise! Thanks to Bill and Deb Stein for spearheading this fundraiser.



*4 Year Old Jayden*

### **It's been a busy summer at Family Promise of Linn County.**

#### **Kids are filling their days with:**

- Reading books or being read to
- Building with Legos
- Learning about dinosaurs
- Going to the Science Center at Lindale Mall (thank you to Science Center for free tickets!)
- Taking a nature walk
- Celebrating a birthday for a two-year-old
- A long walk around NewBo neighborhood
- Shooting baskets
- Playing hide & seek
- Playing Candy Land game (over and over...)
- Going to the events in Greene Square Park
- Having fun meeting the volunteers each night! So much kindness!

#### **Parents are busy too. Here are some examples:**

- Working every day at a job
- Searching for a job
- Learning how to create a resume
- Searching for permanent housing
- Learning how to navigate the city bus routes in order to seek work
- Making new friends
- Learning about nutrition and how to stretch their food dollars (thank you to ISU Extension Nutrition Educators!)
- Learning parenting strategies (thank you to St. Luke's TIES program!)

- Learning how to budget
- Spending time playing with their children
- Enjoying the volunteers they are meeting each night. So much kindness!

**FUN FACT! Since opening in early December 2012:**

- **238 delicious suppers have been served to our families**

Together, we can offer homeless families a chance to regain their footing and get some assistance as they move to self-sufficiency. We can't do this work without you! I can't thank you enough, and I look forward to many more good stories.

Blessings to you—

Becky Knudson

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